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HUGH SMITH LAKE/SOCKEYE CREEK SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE FISHERY OPENING

Ketchikan . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the sockeye salmon subsistence fishery at Hugh Smith Lake/Sockeye Creek will re-open effective 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 20, and will remain open until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

Sockeye escapements through the Hugh Smith weir are at 5,572 as of July 17. Based on this number of sockeye salmon, the current prediction is for a total return that will fall above the upper end of the 8,000 to 18,000 escapement range for Hugh Smith sockeye.

The 2012 fishery closed on July 12, 2012. It will re-open at 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2012 with the same limits and stipulations that are presently on the Ketchikan subsistence fishery permit.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is 1S4512.

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